

# Remarks by Director-General Kazeki at the 11th National Space Policy Secretariat Symposium

*Closing remarks*

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I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to all of you for participating in the 11th National Space Policy Secretariat Symposium on Ensuring the Safe and Sustainable Use of Outer Space.

I would also like to extend my deep appreciation to Dr. Scott Pace, Director, Space Policy Institute, Elliott School of International Affairs, and Prof. Dr. Kai-Uwe Schrogl, Special Adviser for Political Affairs, European Space Agency, for their highly insightful keynote speeches, as well as to Ms. Aarti Holla-Maini, Director of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs, for her special address.

As stated in the opening remarks by the Minister of State for Space Policy, Ms. ONODA Kimi, Japan is advancing practical initiatives related to both technology development and rule-making, while actively sharing the results of these efforts with the international community. The Government of Japan is also reviewing the Strategic Documents of National Security and Defense, including the “National Security Strategy” and plans to update the “Space Security Initiative” as part of this process.

Through this symposium, I believe that we were successful in achieving our goal of fostering a common international understanding. This is the result of active discussions from a wide range of governmental, industrial, and academic perspectives, and thanks to symposium participants and countries involved in the use of outer space.

Specifically, in Panel 1, we discussed how international norms in the space domain can be practically formed and developed at a time when the space environment is undergoing significant transformation.

In Panel 2, we discussed the current space security environment, changes in national policies and systems, and constraints and challenges in space security.

Finally, during the wrap-up session, drawing on the insights gained from the panel discussions, we explored future directions and forms of international cooperation in light of the rapidly changing global environment.

In closing, I would like to once again express my gratitude to all speakers, participants, and staff who contributed to the organization of this symposium. In particular, I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to Ms. Kimura for her excellent facilitation, and to Prime International and Astroscale for their dedicated efforts in making this event possible.

We hope to host a similar opportunity next year, continuing to develop and advance Japan's space policy. I look forward to your ongoing cooperation, and I sincerely thank you once again for your participation in the symposium. Thank you!

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